

Amendment to the Specification:

On page 1 after the title please add the following four lines:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of provisional application Ser. No. 60/218,271, filed on July 13, 2000, the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace paragraph [009] with the following amended paragraph.

[0009] FIG.1 is a flow diagram with operations in a method of the invention. In step 102, the user prepares an e-mail and attaches a file to it. The file comprises, e.g., an MP3 clip or another electronic document. In step 104, the email is sent to the addressee and gets to the email server first. In step 106, the server ~~analyses~~analyzes the attachment. For example, the file extension determines the type of file (e.g., an extension ".mp3" indicates an MP3 file; an extension ".mpg" indicates an MPEG file; an extension ".avi" indicates an AVI file; etc.). Typically, such a file has a header describing the content. Note that the user may copy the file from the Web and rename it for his/her own docketing purposes. The server ~~analyses~~analyzes this header and checks an index, either created on the fly or in advance, if the file is available from another source on the Web. Alternatively, the server checks the file for an embedded watermark or other unique identifier, or uses another process to identify the file's content (e.g., waveform matching, fingerprinting) in order to find a listed copy. If the file is available from another source, the email body gets sent to the addressee in step 110 with a URL or another pointer substituting the file. The URL or other pointer identifies the source on the Web for the same file that the sender had attached. If the server cannot locate a source on the Web for the file, the email gets forwarded to the addressee as composed by the sender.